

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on February 20, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 10-18 and 44 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-9, 19-30, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, and 46 stand rejected. Claims 10-18 and 44 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 1-8, 19-29, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roberts, et al.* in view of *Contolini, et al.* or *Nishibe, et al.* Applicants have canceled claims 1-8, 19-29, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, and 46. Thus, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-8, 19-29, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, and 46 is now moot.

Claims 9 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roberts, et al.*, in view of *Contolini, et al.* or *Nishibe, et al.* as applied to claims 1, 2, 19, and 38, further in view of *Yamamoto, et al.* or *Lo*. Applicants have canceled claims 9 and 30. Thus, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 9 and 30 is now moot.

Applicants have amended claims 15 and 17 to correct typographical errors. Applicants submit that the changes made herein do not introduce new matter and place the application in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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